

Weston, N. McCrostie, G. R. Watson, and Dr. Jennings — made possible a much more rapid survey than otherwise would have been the case. F. Woodrow and B. Wisely were untiring as field assistants and conducted a valuable extension of the survey. Lastly, I have to thank Mr. G. F. Yerex, Officer-in-Charge of the Wild Life Section of the Department of Internal Affairs, for inviting me to join the expedition and arranging the necessary entry permit.

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**Kookaburra Diving.**—On March 21, 1948, while I was walking along the Lower Gellibrand River, where it is lined by blackwoods, in an open valley, my attention was drawn to a Kookaburra (*Dacelo gigas*). It glided down from a perch above the stream until within a few feet of the water, and then closed its wings and plunged. Having completely submerged it flew back to its perch with a fish crosswise in its bill. Though Mr. Alan Noble of Airey's Inlet tells me he has seen similar behaviour, it is decidedly rare in a kingfisher which has long ago ceased to feed primarily on prey in the water.—A. GRAHAM BROWN, Colac, Vic., 24/2/49.

**Movements of Cuckoo-Shrikes.**—Last May (1948) I witnessed for the first time what appeared to be a migratory movement of Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrikes (*Coracina novæ-hollandiæ*). Though these birds seem more plentiful at some times than at others, I had not previously noted any particular evidence of migration. Prior to May 10, I had noticed few, if any, near my home. On that evening, towards dusk, a flock of about forty flew over the house and around the trees in a nearby reserve. Before settling for the night they circled the neighbourhood several times in almost complete silence, often dividing, alighting in trees, then rising and re-uniting in flight. Next morning and during the next two or three evenings, the flock was seen moving restlessly among the trees, but it was already dwindling, while small groups appeared here and there throughout the suburb, suggesting that the flock was spreading out and breaking up. In small groups and pairs they were much in evidence until early summer. Recently I have seen few, but I was not aware of their departure.—NANCY HOPKINS, Townsville, Qld., 15/1/49.